(a) whether the Prime Minister has constituted any committee for the Welfare of Muslim minorities after the Sachar Committee submitted its recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such committee would be formed to benefit Muslims in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir. However, the Government has taken various decisions on the recommendations of Sachar Committee and follow up action on these decisions are monitored periodically. Besides, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. An important aim of the new programme is to ensure that the benefits of various government schemes for the underprivileged reach the disadvantaged sections of the minority communities, and it includes the Muslims. In order to ensure that the benefits of these schemes flow equitably to the minorities, the new programme envisages location of a certain proportion of development projects in minority concentration areas. It also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Accessibility to Report of NCRLM

3489. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that report of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) was made accessible to media persons even though this report is yet to be made public; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Grant under Maulana Azad Foundation

3490. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant given to the Minority Educational Institutions in Bihar under the Maulana Azad Foundation during the last three years; and

(b) the number of educational institutions benefited under the scheme all over the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Maulana Azad Education Foundation sanctions grants-in-aid to Non Government Organizations (NGOs) for infrastructural development of educational institutions recognized by the State/Central Board, where the number of beneficiaries from educationally backward minority communities is more than 50% subject to other eligibility criteria.

Under this scheme the Foundation has provided financial assistance amounting to Rs. 60.00 Lakhs, in the State of Bihar during the last three years.

(b) Maulana Azad Education Foundation has sanctioned grants-in-aid to a total number of 227 Non Government Organisations (NGOs) all over the country during the last three years under its grants-in-aid scheme.

Initiative for welfare of minority communities

3491. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the new initiatives of Government for the welfare of minority communities;

(b) whether any targets have been fixed in that direction;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to achieve those targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (d) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was launched in June, 2006 incorporating programme specific interventions. The new programme envisages location of a certain proportion of development projects in minority concentration areas. It also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities. Targets fixed for schemes included in the programme considered amenable to earmarking and the achievements made during 2008-09 are available in the website of the Ministry on www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. The programme provides for a close monitoring mechanism and the status of implementation has been reviewed regularly.

Progress of renewable energy schemes

3492. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the financial outlays and physical targets set under major renewable energy schemes/programmes during last three years and the current year;

(b) in what manner the intended targets have been achieved;

(c) the allocations made and targets set for Rajasthan, during the above period, for family type biogas plants, SPV lighting system for remote villages/hamlets, solar power and wind power; and

(d) the achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DR. FAROOQ ABDULLAH): (a) and (b) Details of financial outlays, physical targets set and achievements under major renewable energy schemes/programmes of the Ministry during the last three years (2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10) are given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Details of allocations made, targets set and achievements made in respect of family type biogas plants, SPV lighting system for remote villages/hamlets, solar power and wind power during the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 in Rajasthan are given in the Statement-II.